



Native art gallery celebrates one-year of cultural art, retail and tourism in Bricktown

Exhibit C art gallery celebrates one-year anniversary

OKLAHOMA CITY (June 25, 2015) – An anniversary celebration at Exhibit C art gallery will take place Saturday, July 11 from 2-5 p.m. The celebration will include a reception for Chickasaw artist Cale Chadwick, a giveaway for an original piece of art by Choctaw artist D.G. Smalling, complimentary cupcakes and exclusive in store savings for future purchases. Chadwick, from Mill Creek, OK is the featured Chickasaw artist from July 1 through October 31.

Exhibit C, the first native-owned art gallery and tourism information center in Oklahoma City's Bricktown district, has spent the last year bringing native culture, experiences, art and retail to more than 4,000 visitors from 18 states and Washington D.C., as well as visitors from five international countries.

Oklahoma offers a variety of experiences and entertainment opportunities for visitors from across the United States and the world to explore and learn about native culture said Paige Williams, director of tourism for the Chickasaw Nation.

“Visitors have the added benefit of learning and exploring native culture and tourism when visiting Oklahoma,” said Williams. “By having Exhibit C located in Bricktown, it presents the more than one million visitors already stopping in to Oklahoma City's Bricktown district with the opportunity to embrace native culture, art and events while obtaining information about additional cultural tourism destinations in Chickasaw Country and throughout our state.”

In its first year, Exhibit C's art gallery has featured works of art from several notable painters from Chickasaw and southeastern tribes including, Mike Larsen, Billy Hensley, Brent Greenwood and D. G. Smalling. Exhibit C also features artisan works such as jewelry, pottery, paintings and clothing, and has held multiple native events this past year such as storytelling with Lorie Robins; a jewelry trunk show with national jewelry designer and Chickasaw native, Kristen Dorsey; gallery talks with featured artists; a live paint with Chickasaw native Brent Greenwood; among celebrating native culture with monthly events. Other retail items at Exhibit C include the full line of Bedré Fine Chocolate, books from Chickasaw Press as well as Chickasaw Country-branded items.

Exhibit C continues to hold monthly cultural events that are open to the public, for more information about events visit Exhibit C on Facebook or <http://www.exhibitcgallery.com/>. Exhibit C is open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 1 E. Sheridan, Bricktown. All items located in the Exhibit C art gallery and retail space are for sale.

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About Chickasaw Country

Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 south-central Oklahoma counties. A joint marketing association between The Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Country Marketing Association to blend tourism efforts in the region, Chickasaw Country represents festivals, events and attractions. A very diverse and cultural destination, Chickasaw Country has new adventures around every corner. In 2013, the U.S. Travel Association honored Chickasaw Country with a Destiny award in both the Best Travel Website and Best Use of Social Media Platform categories. The awards were given during the annual Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations conference.

About Exhibit C

Exhibit C is a native art gallery and cultural experience in Oklahoma City's Bricktown district. Exhibit C's art gallery displays works of several artists from the Chickasaw and southeastern tribes and continues the vision of raising awareness of the many cultural and entertainment experiences in Oklahoma set forth by Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. Exhibit C is open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 1 E. Sheridan, Bricktown. All items located in the Exhibit C art gallery and retail space are for purchase.